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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination and constitutes a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. A final Office Action dated August 28, 2006 had been pending. This paper is set forth as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.